

MESSAGE

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

COMMUNICATING

*A statement of the expenditures under the act of 3d March, 1843, providing the means of future intercourse between the United States and China.*

DECEMBER 22, 1845.

Read, and ordered to be printed.

WASHINGTON, *December 22, 1845.*

I transmit to Congress a communication from the Secretary of State, with a statement of the expenditures from the appropriation made by the act entitled "An act providing the means of future intercourse between the United States and the government of China," approved the 3d of March, 1843.

JAMES K. POLK.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,  
*December 12, 1845.*

SIR: The act entitled "An act providing the means of future intercourse between the United States and the government of China," approved the 3d of March, 1843, directs that the sum appropriated shall be accounted for by the President, in the manner prescribed by the act of first of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety, entitled "An act providing the means of intercourse between the United States and foreign nations." I have the honor, therefore, to present to you the accompanying statement, prepared by the Fifth Auditor, of the expenditures from the fund appropriated; and to be, sir,

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES BUCHANAN.

The PRESIDENT.

*Statement of the expenditure of the sum appropriated under the act of Congress of the 3d of March, 1843, for future intercourse between the United States and the government of China, as far as the accounts of Mr. Cushing and Mr. Webster, the late United States commissioner and secretary to that government, on file in this office for adjustment, show, viz :*

The amount appropriated under the said act, all of which has been drawn from the Treasury Department	-	-	-	\$40,000 00
The amount paid to Mr. Cushing	-	-	\$33,934 33	
The amount paid to Mr. Webster	-	-	6,000 00	
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The amount claimed by Mr. Cushing for outfit, salary, contingencies, loss in exchange, and return allowance, equal to 6 months' salary, (including a payment of \$1,500 to Mr. Webster on account of his salary,) between the 8th of May, 1843, and the 8th of August, 1844, is	-	36,327 59
Deduct therefrom, drawn for as above	-	33,934 33
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Balance claimed by him	-	-	2,393 26
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The amount of Mr. Webster's account for salary and contingencies, from the 24th of April, 1843, to the 4th of February, 1845, allowed under the letter of the Secretary of State to this office of the 10th of February, 1845, is	9,494 64
Deduct therefrom, drawn for as above	\$6,000 00
Also payment to him by Mr. Cushing	1,500 00
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7,500 00

Balance claimed by him	-	-	1,994 64
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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

*Fifth Auditor's office, December 11, 1845.*

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